

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (original): A storage device provided with a front cover and a back cover, pivotally connected to each other and/or to a spine such that by pivoting the covers, the storage device can be brought from an opened position to a closed position and vice versa, wherein against one of the covers and/or the spine a binder, in particular a ring binder, is provided while adjacent two opposite ends a suspension element is provided which is movable between a first condition in which the suspension elements extend within the storage device in closed condition and a second condition, in which they extend outside the storage device in closed condition such that the storage device can be suspended by the suspension elements.

Claim 2. (original): A storage device according to claim 1, wherein the binder is a ring binder which comprises at least two rings for retaining sheets, which rings are movable between an opened and a closed condition with the aid of an operating mechanism.

Claim 3. (original): A storage device according to claim 2, wherein the suspension elements form part of the operating mechanism.

Claim 4. (original): A storage device according to claim 3, wherein the suspension elements are pivotable or slideable relative to at least the rings of the ring binder, between at least three positions, while:

- in a first position, the suspension elements are in the first condition and the rings are in the closed condition;
- in a second position, the suspension elements are in the second condition and the rings are in the closed condition; and

- in a third position, the suspension elements are in a third condition preferably between the first and the second condition, with the rings in the opened condition.

Claim 5. (original): A storage device according to claim 4, wherein the suspension elements in the third position extend at least partly outside the storage device in closed condition.

Claim 6. (currently amended): A storage device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-5~~, wherein the binder has a longitudinal direction while the suspension elements are slideable in the longitudinal direction.

Claim 7. (currently amended): A storage device according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-5~~, wherein the binder has a longitudinal direction, the suspension elements being pivotal about a pivot extending approximately at right angles to said longitudinal direction and including an angle with the cover and/or the spine to which the binder has been attached.

Claim 8. (currently amended): A storage device according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-5~~, wherein the ring binder has a longitudinal direction, while the suspension elements are pivotal about a pivot which extends approximately at right angles to said longitudinal direction, approximately parallel to the cover and/or the spine to which the binder has been attached.

Claim 9. (currently amended): A storage device according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein one or each cover and/or the spine comprise an upright edge such that in closed condition, the or each upright edge, the covers and the spine define a substantially closed inner space of the storage device, while passage openings are provided for the suspension elements.

Claim 10. (original): A storage device according to claim 9, wherein the passage openings are closable.

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Claim 11. (currently amended): A storage device according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the suspension elements are placed and/or formed such that with the suspension elements in the second condition, the storage device can be suspended by the suspension elements and the covers extend next to each other with the center of gravity straight below a connecting line through the suspension elements.